

our Lord nineteen hundred and
[SEAL] sixty-one and of the Independ-
ence of the United States of
America the one hundred and eighty-
sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

CHESTER BOWLES,
Acting Secretary of State.

FOOTNOTE: The English text of this agree-
ment is contained in Department of State
Press Release No. 636, September 15, 1961.
The portions of the agreement to be applied
by the United States will be printed in Treas-
ury Decisions, and the complete agreement
will be printed first separately in Treaties
and Other International Acts Series and
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tional Agreements.

COLUMBUS DAY, 1961

September 21, 1961
[No. 3432]

By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation

WHEREAS the vision, courage, and
daring of Christopher Columbus led to
the discovery of a new continent; and

WHEREAS our Nation has grown on
this continent and has attained to a posi-
tion of world leadership, having as its
foundation the great principles of democ-
racy, including personal freedom and the
dignity of the individual—principles
which are shared today by free peoples
everywhere; and

WHEREAS the intrepid spirit and
steadfast faith which sustained this great
explorer on his venture into the unknown
are a constant inspiration to us as we

seek to achieve ever greater accomplishments in every field of human endeavor and strive to help create a better world community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our debt to Columbus, the Congress of the United States, by a joint resolution approved April 30, 1934 (48 Stat. 657), requested the President to issue a proclamation designating October 12 of each year as Columbus Day and calling for the appropriate observance of that day:

36 USC 146.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, October 12, 1961, as Columbus Day; and I invite the people of this Nation to observe that day in churches, schools, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the four hundred and sixty-ninth anniversary of the discovery of America.

I also direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on Columbus Day in honor of the great explorer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred [SEAL] and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-sixth.

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